

FROM ARKEMA INC. - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

(WED) 7.27' 05 16:00/ST. 15:59/NO. 4862261733 P 1

RECEIVED

CENTRAL FAX CENTER

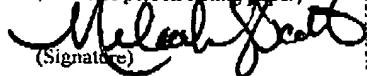
JUL 27 2005

Attorney Docket No. FR-AM 1904 NP

## CERTIFICATE OF FAXING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being transmitted therewith) is being faxed to Group 1700 at fax no. 703-872-9306.

Date: July 27 2005

Meleah Scott  
(Name of person faxing paper)  
(Signature)IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : MARTINO-GAUCHI et al. Group Art Unit: (not yet assigned)

Serial No.: 10/537,150 Examiner: (not yet assigned)

Priority Documents: WO 04/052826  
PCT/FR03/003599

International Filing Date: 5 December 2003 (05.12.2003)

For: CONTINUOUS METHOD FOR PREPARING ETHYL LACTATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification and claims as follows.

The amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

The amendments to the claims begin on page 3.